

Statement – II***Leprosy Eradication Centres in Purvanchal region of U.P***

District	DLU	LCU	SET	VLC	MLTU
Azamgarh	1	5	-	1	-
Mou	1	3	-	-	1
Jaunpur	1	1	14	1	2
Ballia	1	4	-	1	-
Ghazipur	1	4	-	1	-
Mirzapur	1	3	-	1	-
Varanasi	1	4	-	1	-
Bhadohi	-	2	-	-	-
Sonbhadra	1	2	-	-	1
Basti	1	1	21	1	-
Sidharthnagar	1	4	-	-	1
Maharajganj	1	3	-	-	1
Gorakhpur	1	1	21	-	-
Deoria	1	3	-	1	-
Padrona	1	3	-	-	-
Faizabad	1	3	-	1	-
Ambedkarnagar	-	2	-	-	-
Bahraich	13	5	-	-	-
Gonda	1	2	14	2	-
Sultanpur	1	1	14	1	2
Barabanki	1	4	-	1	-
Pratapgarh	1	1	-	1	2
Allahabad	1	1	21	1	2
Kheri	1	5	-	1	-

*[English]****Development of Ports***

1371. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that practically all the major ports of the country at present suffer from inadequate infrastructure and need huge sum to meet this requirement;

(b) whether Government have estimated the cost of development of these ports;

(c) if so, port-wise estimates;

(d) whether the Government have approached World Bank in this regard; and

(e) if so, the response therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The Government is seized of the need to develop the infrastructure at Major Ports and the massive investment required therefore.

(b) During 9th Five Year Plan, an outlay of around Rs. 15,665 crores is projected for development of Major Ports.

(c) The port-wise break-up of above outlays is as under :-

Name of the Port	(Rs. in Crores)		
	Central Sector	Private Sector	Total
1. Calcutta/Haldia	927	-	927
2. Mumbai	980	-	980
3. Chennai	1803	-	1803
4. Cochin	337	474	811
5. Vizag	1178	-	1178
6. Kandla	871	-	871
7. Mormugao	259	1073	1332
8. Paradip	1452	2360	3812
9. New Mangalore	342	100	442
10. Tuticorin	447	-	447
11. JL Nehru	515	2547	3062
Total :	9111	6554	15665

(d) and (e) No Sir.

[Translation]

Capacity of Ports

1372. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for improving the quality of service and increasing the capacity of the ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the target for making the ports of international standard would be attained?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Improving the quality of service as well as the capacity of Major Ports in the country is a continuous process. During 9th Plan (1997-2002), it is proposed to enhance the port capacity from 215 Million Tonnes to 374 Million Tonnes. In order to improve the quality of service, greater autonomy has been given to Major Port Trusts in the matter of investment decision for development projects. Various measures have been proposed to be taken up to meet the shortage of pilots. Night navigation and Vessel Traffic Management Systems are being introduced at major Ports.

(c) Attainment of international standards is a continuous process and no time frame can be laid.

Canadian Delegation

1373. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Canada Pratinidhi Mandal Me Khalistani Hamdard' appearing in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated January 12, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether such type of cases have been noticed by the Union Government in the past also;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have raised the matter in various International fora/ institutes condemning the attitude of Canada;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the effective steps being taken by the Union Government with a view to prevent such interference in the internal affairs of our country in future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ram Raghbir Chahal was not a member of the delegation led by the Canadian Foreign Minister, Lloyd Axworthy as it is mentioned in the news report, nor did he visit India while the delegation was in India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Government has made its stand known to friendly countries on this issue. Government has also instituted exchange of information regarding activities of terrorists. In this context, during the recent visit of Canadian Foreign Minister to India, it was decided to establish a working group on terrorism to intensify cooperation between the two Governments to combat terrorism.

Decline in Education

1374. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the field of education;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government to find out reasons of this decline; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education (NPE, 1996, as updated in 1992, contains a comprehensive framework to provide better education. To fulfil this objective, a number of initiatives has been launched like Operation Blackboard, Non-formal

Education, District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET), Minimum Levels of Learning (MLL), District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in order to improve the quality, content and process of education. Programme like MLL aims at specifying the competencies which children are required to attain in language, mathematics and environment studies while teachers' competencies are sought to be improved under DIET.

[English]

Performance in International Sports

1375. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in the country which do not have any playgrounds and physical training instructors and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(b) whether a meeting of the State Sports Ministers' was held recently in Delhi to discuss as to how the State Governments can step up their involvement in the promotion of sports, integrate physical education in the schools and colleges; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) As per the Fifth All India Educational Survey of 1986, 2,65,590 schools do not have playgrounds whereas 6,58,128 schools do not have physical education (PE)/Yoga teachers in the country. The Govt. of India has requested the states to develop playgrounds with the help of Jawahar Rojgar Yojna funds and to take up a programme for pre-service and in-service training of subject teachers as Physical Education Teachers.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. During the conference, all the states supported the recommendations of the Central Advisory Board of Education to integrate physical education and sports with school curriculum.

By Pass on N.H. No. 4 in Karnataka

1376. SHRI P. KODANDARAMAIAH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a by-pass on H.N. No. 4 of Sira Town in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for construction of Sira bypass for which land acquisition is in progress. The work will be taken up after the land is acquired subject to the availability of funds.